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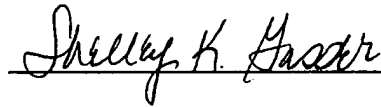
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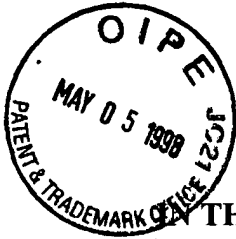
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Applicant is aware of the information listed in the attached form that may be material to the prosecution of the above-identified patent application.

Applicants have recently learned of the issuance of U.S. Patent No. 5,647,357 to Barnett et al. That patent application was filed on September 8, 1995 and issued on July 15, 1997. The Barnett et al. patent does not claim priority to any earlier application and thus has an effective filing date of September 8, 1995, more than seven months after the original application filed by Applicants

on January 23, 1995, Application Serial No. 08/337,257.

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The only relevance of the Barnett et al. patent, if any, is that it tends to confirm the patentability of the pending claims in the present application. In particular, Claim 1 of the Barnett et al. patent appears to claim the same seal described in Applicants' application, but for use with a respiratory mask. Applicants respectfully submit that the failure of the Barnett et al. Examiner to cite Chen or the "medical and sport health care" language of Chen is further evidence that the use of

Chen's gelatinous elastomer as a seal for either goggles or a mask is neither taught nor suggested by Chen.

1. X Copies of the listed patents, publications, and other information are enclosed for the Examiner's use.
2. _____ Copies of the listed patents, publications, and other information were previously cited by or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in prior application Serial No. _____, filed _____, and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
3. _____ A concise explanation of the relevance of document I.D. No. _____ (which is not in the English language), as presently understood by the individual designated under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about its content, is provided _____.
4. _____ Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), this information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the national application, within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.
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 - a. _____ a certification as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e); or
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